

## SAY NO TO NSA

### We're Not Ready Yet!

Today is the day for deciding affiliation of the University of Nebraska with the United States National Student Association (NSA) or at least round one. The Student Council will meet at 3 p.m. to debate the question.

Yesterday, Mr. Edward Garvey, an outstanding individual, addressed a rather skimpy convocation in the ballroom. We were very surprised to see the poor, typical turnout. Sorority honeys, in particular, have been up in arms over the issue. But few turned out to get their questions cleared up. They obviously hold the attitude: My mind's already made up, don't confuse me with the facts.

The Daily Nebraskan wishes to go on record now as urging the motion to be defeated by the Council. We do not feel that the University should affiliate with the USNSA. At least not now.

The student government on our campus is just starting to mature. It is just now starting to develop a few thinking individuals. The candidates for next year's election are among the best ever to file. The prospects look good for the future. And in the near future, we SHOULD affiliate with NSA.

Mr. Garvey pointed, in his formal remarks, not at NSA specifically, but to the actual role of the student. Few of us actually fit into his category of a student. Too many of us feel that going to class and a little social life is sufficient for an education.

The Daily Nebraskan receives numerous books in the mail — companies hope we'll plug them. There's one that we will push. It is titled simply: STUDENT. It was written by an associate professor at Berkeley, California. In a summary of the book, he states:

"In Turkey, and in Korea, in freedom rides, students are having a profound effect on contemporary political affairs.

"After ten years of almost total silence, the students at the University of California, Berkeley, have received national attention for the stands that an important number of students have taken on capital punishment, the house Un-American Activities Committee, compulsory ROTC and peace.

"The beat student has been followed by a politically mature, serious student who is learning how to be politically effective."

NSA concerns itself with international and national affairs. Some people criticize this because they feel a student organization should not take this stand. They feel that NSA, which can not take a political stand, should not study and voice the opinion of students on these matters.

But does the world of the student end with a study of campus parking? Does the world of the student end with a quick reading of the Rag or the headlines of the morning paper? Or should the student extend his scope of knowledge to the world around him. To the world that he will soon be entering. To the world that is expecting him to assume his leadership. Should he be content without knowing more than enough to get by?

Should we care if we are represented with the other 70 some nations of the world at the International Student Congress? Here, those student federations or confederations are concerned about the happenings in other countries. They are concerned over which ideology is the best way of life. Would it be right that the United States viewpoint and that of a free society not be represented? Or is it important that we work to promote independence and freedom in other countries? The student leadership in those other countries are often destined to prominent positions in the government within a few short years.

A few short years ago, campus politics and government on this campus was pitiful to witness. Independents were against Greeks, Greeks were against independents. Few of them cared about what happened to the Council. And nothing worthwhile did happen. There was one point in its recent history that it was even dissolved.

But now it is starting to wake up. Mops are still there, but their number is lessening.

The public issues committee has given us this start. Mr. John Nolon and members of his committee and the executive committee pushed issues such as the CCUN and People to People. And what lies ahead? Stands on Nebraska's tax structure? Discussions about the Youth Exodus? Views on the State's educational progress? Opinion over national issues? HUAC? Civil Rights? Steel?

According to an Amherst College Trustees' report in 1957, "Education is not something that is done for a student or to a student. It is no laying on of robes, no pouring in of information.

"Education is what the student does for himself in the way of developing his own powers; Teachers can help, so can a curriculum and an atmosphere or devotion to the things of the mind. But ultimately the problem is utterly the student's.

We are in college to pursue knowledge. Apathetic students, a term that turns the stomach of most students, are not getting a full education. They may complain about the activities on campus and how little they accomplish, but they do nothing to promote them. They forget that factor about a complete education. They feel they don't need to study political issues, health, charitable institutions, or student government and the major issues confronting us. Most honoraries are a farce. They hold only the honor of having three Greek letters tacked behind their name and do not try to develop their programming so as to broaden their educational base.

Organizations on this campus are too tied up with planning social events or programs that will make them look good, or events that will get good "PR". There actually is no limit as to where they could go. There is no fine line between our campus and the world around us. Our concerns should be re-evaluated.

But what about NSA. It is a good organization insofar as its purpose and objectives. It is NOT Red. Or for that matter, even pink. Groups of old ladies get together and wave a flag over statements made by J. B. Matthews which call it pink. But they fail to ask why former President Eisenhower and President Kennedy acclaimed the organization and its work. No one asks why the Ford foundation at one time recently gave NSA \$25,000.

The old ladies we speak of are Panhellenic National. Mr. Garvey pointed out that he has requested the right to tell their national convention about NSA. They refuse to listen. They obviously don't want the facts, just as the opposition groups on our campus didn't want the facts on Monday.

Miss Kay Wonderlick, the great-white god of the opposition to NSA, has spread information through the Gamma Phi Creassant and other sorority publications, through separate publications and newsletters. Information which she can not back up with facts, the same as she accused NSA. Or at least her facts are not infallible either. When Miss Wonderlick was on campus for the Big Eight Student Government Association convention over Christmas vacation, her appeal was strictly emo-

tional. NSA is a naughty-naughty. Where does it get its money. But she failed to point out where she got hers.

NSA represents the student. The world of the student. One that is naturally concerned with everything that has an effect on his present, or future. NSA does have imperfections. But is the theory of stay out to make it better, a justified one?

NSA is fairly liberal in its policy. But its policy is set by its representatives and officers as much as those made by our representatives to Congress and our executive branch. They are representative, or at least we call them so. And we can look at some of ours and really question this. But NSA operates in a similar manner.

NSA is basically good. We feel that it does have a place in American foreign policy and in serving the member schools. But our argument against NSA is, not on its simple organizational flaws or the rumored criticisms or the uninformed comment. We have printed a great deal of that to stir interest and bring it out. But Mr. Garvey has answered most of it. What we base our consideration on is the fact that the University of Nebraska is not ready for NSA. We should study it next fall, we should consider it next year. If we aren't ready then, talk of it the following year.

But we will be no good to NSA or NSA to us unless we have a good program and strong leadership within our Council. Unless we have an alerted student body that is after a full education. Unless we can stamp out some of the apathy, yours and your roommates. Unless we can get straight information and not uninformed propaganda.

We urge the Council to defeat NSA. Look to the sessions you have held and see the real interest and potential value it could have now. Then look to the future. Work to simplify your present campus concerns and to broaden your scope of other affairs which affect the student. NSA some day should be on this campus. Today's not that day.

### FROM MY ANGLE

The Student Council set up an All University Convocation for the benefit of those who might wish to hear about NSA. The Administration went along and said yes. So this excused me from my Monday afternoon chemistry laboratory. I thank the Student Council for this.

But how many Student Council members were there at the convocation. A measly 15 members, about one-half of the Council at best, were all that showed. And this pathetic attendance occurred after an almost unanimous decision by Council to create an All University Convocation. Possibly some voted to give themselves an afternoon off. Mr. Ed Garvey told us that we are grown up young adults on this University campus. Did we show by our response that we are?

Maybe the negative attitude produced by the RAG and other sources got to the souls of our beloved Council members AS WELL AS THE REST OF OUR CAMPUS.

So we saw a mass demonstration of apathy Monday afternoon around 2:30. The dorms and houses were full, classrooms fairly empty, and a few in the Crib. Thank God for the few individualists that had enough intestinal fortitude to fight their desire to attend the All University Conclave which took place in all the houses and dorms in direct opposition to the All University Convocation. E. Eugene Baillie



To the Editor:

Today is the day of decision. Our Student Council will decide whether it favors our University affiliating with the National Student Association (NSA). I urge members to vote yes.

Monday, NSA President Ed Garvey placed it in historical perspective. From medieval times to modern, he said, "students have banded together for various causes." The great cause of today's American and Nebraska citizen-student is freedom's triumph and communism's defeat. The end is just; the means are many.

Garvey made it clear there is a vast difference between a student movement and a student structure. Student movements center around ideologies.

NSA is not a student movement; it is a student structure, akin to our Student Council, only on a nation-wide scale. NSA is a forum which represents many American students of myriad views.

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The question has been raised as to what NSA can do for us. It is better put: What can Nebraska students do better for themselves by becoming NSA members? Put that way, it reflects individualism, not latent paternalistic yearnings.

Through NSA, Nebraska U. students can do their fair share of thinking, speaking and acting to keep freedom alive. That means both majority and minority views. Garvey said he'll advocate including minority reports in the next NSA codification of policy.

As for NSA's system of representation, it is the most practical. If membership were by individual or by group, NSA could easily be perverted. Membership, however, is by campus. In that way, delegates to the National Student Congress are sure to be moderate, middle-of-the-roads, and not radicals.

The NSA offers our University the means of effectively channeling what we think, say and do as

citizens committed to freedom. Can we afford not to join?  
Roger L. Wait

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**Campus Calendar**  
UNIVERSITY RODEO CLUB meets 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Ag Union.  
UNIVERSITY 4-H CLUB will meet tonight 7 p.m. in the Ag Union.  
ALPHA ZETA will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Ag Union.

**Tribunal Interviews**  
Interviews for positions on Student Tribunal will be held April 30 and May 1, the Monday and Tuesday following vacation from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Applications should include name, college, average, what percentage of your class you are in, qualifications and what the role of the Student Tribunal should be.

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